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HISTORY 102: AMERICAN HISTORY II (AMERICA SINCE THE CIVIL WAR)

Focus of the Course: This is a course about American history since the end of the Civil War. The overarching focus of the course is the reconstruction of the American nation-state and its rise to the position of a global superpower in a remarkably short period of time. We will examine the forces that have united Americans as well as those that have put them at cross-purposes with themselves and, sometimes, with other nations. This course is about history, but it invites you to think about the future of America in the world.

Course Requirements: You are responsible for materials covered in lectures, discussions, and readings. These are not identical course components. Rather lectures are designed to supplement the assigned readings and discussions are intended to probe more deeply into specific assignments. Attendance at lectures and discussions is required and all assignments must be completed to obtain a passing grade. Should you miss a class it is *your responsibility* to obtain notes, etc. from another student. Attendance at recitation meetings is especially important and required; if you miss more than four of these meetings without an acceptable reason, you will likely *not* receive credit for this course even if you complete the other assignments. There will be two short papers (750-800 words in length), an in-class midterm, an in-class final exam; and, occasional quizzes as necessary. The papers and midterm together will count for about 40% of your grade, the in-class final exam 40%, and class participation (including quizzes) about 20%. PLEASE NOTE: Because of past student complaints about electronic devices (laptops, phones, etc), these are *not* to be used in lecture or recitation sections unless you have special authorization from your instructor. Also, this course does *not* use D2L.

Required Readings: Henretta, et al., America's History (seventh edition); Ferlund, Documents to Accompany America's History (note that GTAs may modify the selections below); Murphy, Hope in Hard Times; Peavy and Smith, Full Court Quest; Stiglitz, The Price of Inequality

WEEKLY SCHEDULE (Week Beginning)

REMEMBER TO COMPLETE READINGS BEFORE THE LECTURES ON TUESDAY.

Week 1 (January 8th): Introduction

Week 2 (January 12th): The Era of Reconstruction

Readings; Henretta, chs. 15-16; Documents, 15-3, 15-4, 15-5, 15-6, 15-7, 15-8, 15-9, 15-11; 16-1, 16-2, 16-6, 16-7, 16-8, 16-9. Also, begin reading Peavy and Smith.

Week 3 (January 19th): Industrialization and Wars Against American Indians

Readings: Henretta, ch. 17; Documents: 16-1, 16-2, 16-6, 16-7, 16-8, 16-9 17-1, 17-3; 17-10, 17-11, 17-12.

Continue reading Peavy and Smith.

Week 4 (January 26th): The First Gilded Age and Progressivism

Readings: Henretta, chs. 18-19; Documents, 18-4, 18-8, 18-10; 19-1, 19-3, 19-4, 19-11; 20-7, 20-8, 20-9; finish Peavy and Smith.

Week 5 (February 2nd): The American Empire (**FIRST PAPER DUE**, 2/6 in lecture)

Readings: Henretta, chs. 20-21; Documents, 21-1, 21-3, 21-4, 21-5, 21-6, 21-7, 21-8.

Week 6 (February 9th): The First World War

Readings: Henretta, ch. 22; Documents, 21-1, 21-21-10, 21-15, 21-17, 21-18; 22-1, 22-2, 22-7, 22-10, 22-12, 22-16, 22-17.

Week 7 (February 16th): Herbert Hoover and the Prosperity Decade

Readings: Henretta, ch. 23; Documents, 23-1, 23-2, 23-6.

Week 8 (February 23rd): Depression Era

Readings: No new reading in Henretta; Documents, 23-3, 23-4, 23-7, 23-8, 23-14, 23-15, 23-16. Murphy, entire.

Week 9 (March 2nd): Franklin Roosevelt and the New Deal (**MIDTERM** in lecture Thursday, March 6th)

Readings: no new reading in Henretta; Documents, 24-1, 24-2, 24-3, 24-6, 24-7, 24-10.

Week 10 (March 9th): Spring Break

Week 11 (March 16th): World at War

Readings: Henretta, chs. 24-25; Documents, 24-4, 24-5, 24-9, 24-12, 24-13; 25-1, 25-2, 25-3, 25-4, 25-10, 25-13, 25-14

Week 12 (March 23rd): Cold War

Readings: Henretta, ch. 26; Documents, 25-5, 25-7, 25-8; 26-2, 26-4, 26-5, 26-6, 26-12, 26-13

Week 13 (March 30th): How Great a Society? (**SECOND PAPER DUE** 4/3 in lecture)

Readings: Henretta, chs. 27-28; Documents, 26-7, 26-8, 26-9, 26-10; 27-1, 27-3, 27-4, 27-5, 27-7, 27-8, 27-9; 27-9, 28-5, 28-6, 28-7; 28-10, 28-11, 28-12, 28-13, 28-14, 29-8; Begin Stiglitz.

Week 14 (April 6th): Vietnam: More than a War

Readings: Henretta, chs. 29-30; Documents, 28-2, 28-3, 28-4, 28-5, 28-6, 28-9, 28-11, 28-12, 28-13, 28-17; Continue Stiglitz.

Week 15 (April 13th): The Second Gilded Age

Readings: Henretta, ch. 31; Documents, 29-1, 29-2, 29-3, 29-4, 29-5, 29-6, 30-1, 30-2, 30-6; 30-7; 31-3, 31-6, 31-9; Finish Stiglitz.

Week 16 (April 20th): Looking Back/Looking Ahead: The Sesquicentennial of the Civil War, the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, the Centenary of the First World War, and America's Future
Assignment: Review for Final Exam in Discussion Sections

Week 17 **Final Exam, Wednesday, April 30th, NOON-1:50 p.m.** in our regular classroom.

Note: this is the only time the final exam will be given; please plan accordingly.

